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SUBJECT: TINDEMANS SAYS HE WILL DELIVER HIS "WISE MAN" REPORT  
ON SCHEDULE

SUMMARY. PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS SAYS HE WILL SUBMIT HIS REPORT  
ON MEASURES TO MOVE THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES TOWARD GREATER  
UNITY ON SCHEDULE AT DECEMBER MEETING OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL. HE  
TOLD ME, SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED IN JULY MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL WHERE "NOTHING" WAS ACCOMPLISHED. TINDEMANS PLANS NEVER-  
THELESS TO PUSH AHEAD ON HIS OWN AND FULFILL HIS WISE-MAN  
COMMISSION -- WITHOUT TOO MUCH OPTIMISM THAT HIS RECOMMEN-  
DATIONS WILL BE HEED. END SUMMARY.

1. I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS JULY 24 TO DELIVER  
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PRIOR TO THE SUMMER HOLIDAY PERIOD. TINDEMANS USED THE OCCASION TO GIVE ME A CONCISE STATUS REPORT ON HIS EC "WISE MAN" COMMISSION.

2. HE SAID HE WAS PROCEEDING WITH HIS TASK OF ASSEMBLING IDEAS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND - CONTRARY TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS - WOULD DELIVER HIS REPORT TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON SCHEDULE AT ITS DECEMBER MEETING. HE SAID HE HAD HAD A "GOOD" MEETING WITH BRITISH LEADERS IN LONDON EARLY THIS MONTH AND DENIED HE HAD HAD A ROUGH TIME OF IT IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH LABOR PERSONALITIES. TINDEMANS CONCEDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD MET "SEVERAL NEW PEOPLE WHO WERE A LITTLE HARD TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND" --PRESUMABLY A REFERENCE TO SOME TRIBUNE GROUP LABORITES.

3. TURNING TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING HERE LAST WEEK, TINDEMANS OFFERED A DISAPPOINTED ASSESSMENT OF THE AFFAIR. THE MEETING WAS VERY UNSATISFACTORY, HE SAID, AND "NOTHING" HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. THE GOVERNMENT HEADS CANNOT AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES, HE REMARKED, AND - TO COMPLICATE THE PROBLEM- NO ONE KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS. HE SAID HE WAS LEFT WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS UP TO HIM TO SPELL OUT IN HIS REPORT THE SPECIFIC PRACTICAL MEASURES WHICH THE MEMBERS COULD ADOPT TO MOVE EC TOWARD ITS GOAL OF GREATER UNITY.

COMMENT: TINDEMANS LEFT THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN GETTING MUCH HELP FROM EC CAPITALS IN THE WAY OF STIMULATING INPUT TO HIS WISE-MAN STUDY. HE APPARENTLY HOPED THAT THE JULY MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL WOULD PROVIDE THE OCCASION FOR AN INFORMAL INTERIM DISCUSSION BY GOVERNMENT CHIEFS ON WHERE EC IS - OR SHOULD BE - HEADING. NO SUCH THING MATERIALIZED, AND TINDEMANS NOW SEES HIMSELF AS PRETTY MUCH ON HIS OWN IN THE WISE-MAN ROLE AND NONE TOO OPTIMISTIC THAT HE WILL BE LISTENED TO WHEN HE SUBMITS HIS RECOMMENDATIONS.

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